

**FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center. Mayor Michael Carpenter presided. Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Karen Lichtsinn, Patrick Haynes, and Scott Christensen were present. City Attorney Mike Cable was absent. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen was also present.

Mayor Michael Carpenter called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Mayor Michael Carpenter then asked if anyone in attendance had an item, not on the agenda, to bring up during the Open Forum part of the meeting. If so they had two minutes to state their concern. No items were brought forward at this time.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2023 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Rosie DeZeeuw, seconded by Scott Christensen to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2023. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST THE CITY OF LAKE BENTON:**

L-P RURAL WATER	\$ 4,338.78	RICK'S WELDING	\$ 530.00
CITY OF LAKE BENTON	\$ 177.30	POSTMASTER	\$ 156.48
MINNESOTA LIFE	\$ 6.80	MN DEPT OF HEALTH	\$ 789.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	\$ 104.09	ASAP CHECKS	\$ 98.50
PAM BAKKER	\$ 1,080.00		

**MOTION** by Patrick Haynes, seconded by Karen Lichtsinn to approve payment of the claims presented against the City of Lake Benton. Motion carried and the Mayor authorized the City Administrator/Clerk to make payment.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

The Council reviewed the January calls for service in Lake Benton. **MOTION** by Scott Christensen, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve the law enforcement update. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Lake Benton. The Master Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) is expiring soon and requires execution of a new JPA and Court Amendment. The City is required to provide a resolution, the JPA and the Court Amendment with appropriate signatures. The agreement allows the City's Prosecuting Attorney and the Lincoln County Sheriff to use the BCA's systems and tools available over the State's criminal justice data communications. The City of Lake Benton does not pay a fee to use the BCA's systems and tools available over the State's criminal justice data communications.

**MOTION** by Karen Lichtsinn, seconded by Patrick Haynes to approve Resolution No. 2023-001 a Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Lake Benton on behalf of its City Attorney and Public Safety Department, the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment to CJDN Subscriber Agreement and authorize the signatures of the Mayor and City Administrator/Clerk on the Resolution, Joint Powers Agreement and the Court Amendment. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on purchasing AEDs for the City buildings. The Council discussed the possibility of purchasing an AED for the Event Center and Library at their previous regular meeting, and were informed the cost of an AED would be between \$1,200.00 and \$1,500.00. Previously the First Responders offered to install an AED in all the churches in the City of Lake Benton but some chose not to purchase. Trustee Scott Christensen spoke with

First Responder Rich Riley who informed him the cost of an AED is closer to \$1,600.00. Mayor Michael Carpenter would like to have a hands-on training if possible. Trustee Karen Lichtsinn received a phone call from Jim Roggenbuck who informed her the Lions Club would like to have their March 5, 2023 benefit breakfast for the City Council, First Responders and Fire Department to purchase AEDs. Jim requested Karen find nine to twelve volunteers to work at the benefit. The City would like to order the AEDs immediately and display them at the benefit. Trustee Scott Christensen will talk with Rich Riley to get the AEDs ordered. **MOTION** by Scott Christensen, seconded by Patrick Haynes for the City to order two AEDs and guarantee the funds to make up the cost difference the benefit does not cover. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on the appointment of two new members to the Lake Benton EDA Board. Trustee Karen Lichtsinn informed the Council at the EDA meeting on February 8, 2023, the board regrettably accepted Bob Worth's resignation from the board and one seat was vacated by former board member Karen Lichtsinn after she was elected to the City Council. The EDA board unanimously nominated Loy Woelber and Nathan Krog and felt they would be great assets to the board. The Lake Benton EDA would like to request the City Council appoints Loy Woelber and Nathan Krog to the Lake Benton EDA board. **MOTION** by Scott Christensen, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to appoint Loy Woelber and Nathan Krog to the Lake Benton EDA board. Motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Trustee Rosie DeZeeuw – The Chamber met and the February Business of the Month is Station One. The Diner's Club has 6 to 7 daily deliveries and continue getting meals from the Tyler Hospital. The Opera House production "Leaving Iowa" begins March 24, 2023. Plans continue for 2023 Saddle Horse Holiday with four girls vying for Miss Lake Benton.
- Trustee Karen Lichtsinn – No report.
- Trustee Scott Christensen – No report.
- Trustee Patrick Haynes – The EDA met with Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water and received an update on the progress of their new construction in Johnson Commercial Park. The Opera House board met and discussed the upcoming production in March, personnel changes within the board. **MOTION** by Karen Lichtsinn, seconded by Scott Christensen to approve the Committee Reports. Motion carried.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT:**

The 2023 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for the City of Lake Benton is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Lake Benton Area Community & Event Center. **MOTION** by Rosie DeZeeuw, seconded by Patrick Haynes to approve the Administrator/Clerk report. Motion carried.

#### **MAYORAL REPORT:**

Mayor Michael Carpenter informed the Council he spoke with Maintenance Supervisor Travis Lustfield and reminded him he will be putting in a lot of hours to remove the snow from the streets in the next few days and not to overdo it. Mayor Michael Carpenter then reminded the citizens to remove their vehicles from the street and give the Maintenance crew space to do their job.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a **MOTION** was made by Scott Christensen, seconded by Patrick Haynes and carried, the meeting adjourned.

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK